

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 44-46, 50 and 52-62 will be pending in the application. Claims 30-43 and 47 are cancelled herein without prejudice. Claims 44 and 50 have been amended to incorporate cancelled claim 30. Claims 45 and 46 have been amended to correct dependency. Claims 52-62 have been added to depend from amended claim 44. Support for claims 52-60 can be found in cancelled claims 31-37 and 40-41 and support for claims 61 and 62 can be found in the specification at least at page 13, lines 7-17. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 44-46 and 50 are free of the prior art.

REJECTIONS

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

A. Claims 30-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103 as unpatentable over Kuby et al. (“Kuby”) in view of Aridor et al. (“Aridor”) and U.S. Pat. No. 5,807,746 to Lin (“Lin”). Without acceding to the propriety of the Examiner’s position and merely to move this application to allowance, Applicants have cancelled claims 30-43 herein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed, related application. Accordingly, the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

B. Claims 30, 31 and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103 as unpatentable over Kuby in view of Aridor and Lin and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,103,692 to Avruch (“Avruch”). Without acceding to the propriety of the Examiner’s position and merely to move this application to allowance, Applicants have cancelled claims 30, 31, and 47 herein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed, related application. Accordingly, the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the aforementioned amendments and remarks, Applicants assert that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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